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Goal

Describe a full packet capture solution that can quickly and efficiently produce requested information.

Show analysis capabilities of YAF, super_mediator, and SiLK.

Demonstrate PCAP features in YAF.

PCAP Challenges

Volume (4Gbps):

* 1 Hour: 1.7TB
* 1 Day: 40.8TB
* 1 Week: 285.6TB
* 1 Month: 1.1PB

Data Stored on Sensors

* Separate from analysis

Indexing:

* Timestamp Files
* BPF Filters
* GUI tools
* Splunk

YAF PCAP Features

Rolling PCAP dump

- Rotates files using time or size.

- Creates meta file with flows contained in each PCAP file.

Index a PCAP File

- Uses flow key hash and start time.

PCAP per flow

- Creates a PCAP file for each flow.

- Use with BPF filters.

Gh0st Rat Investigation

Gh0st

Chinese remote access Trojan

Free source code

Easy to modify

Distinctive Network Signature

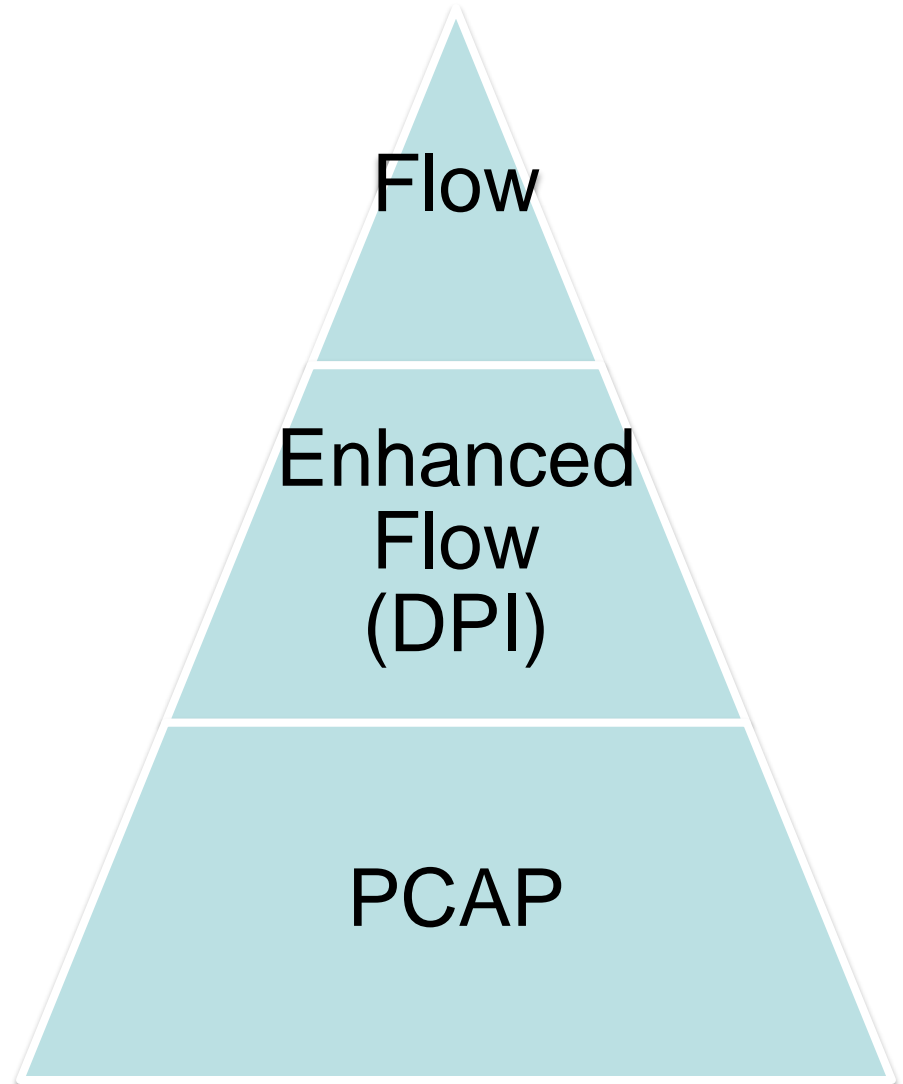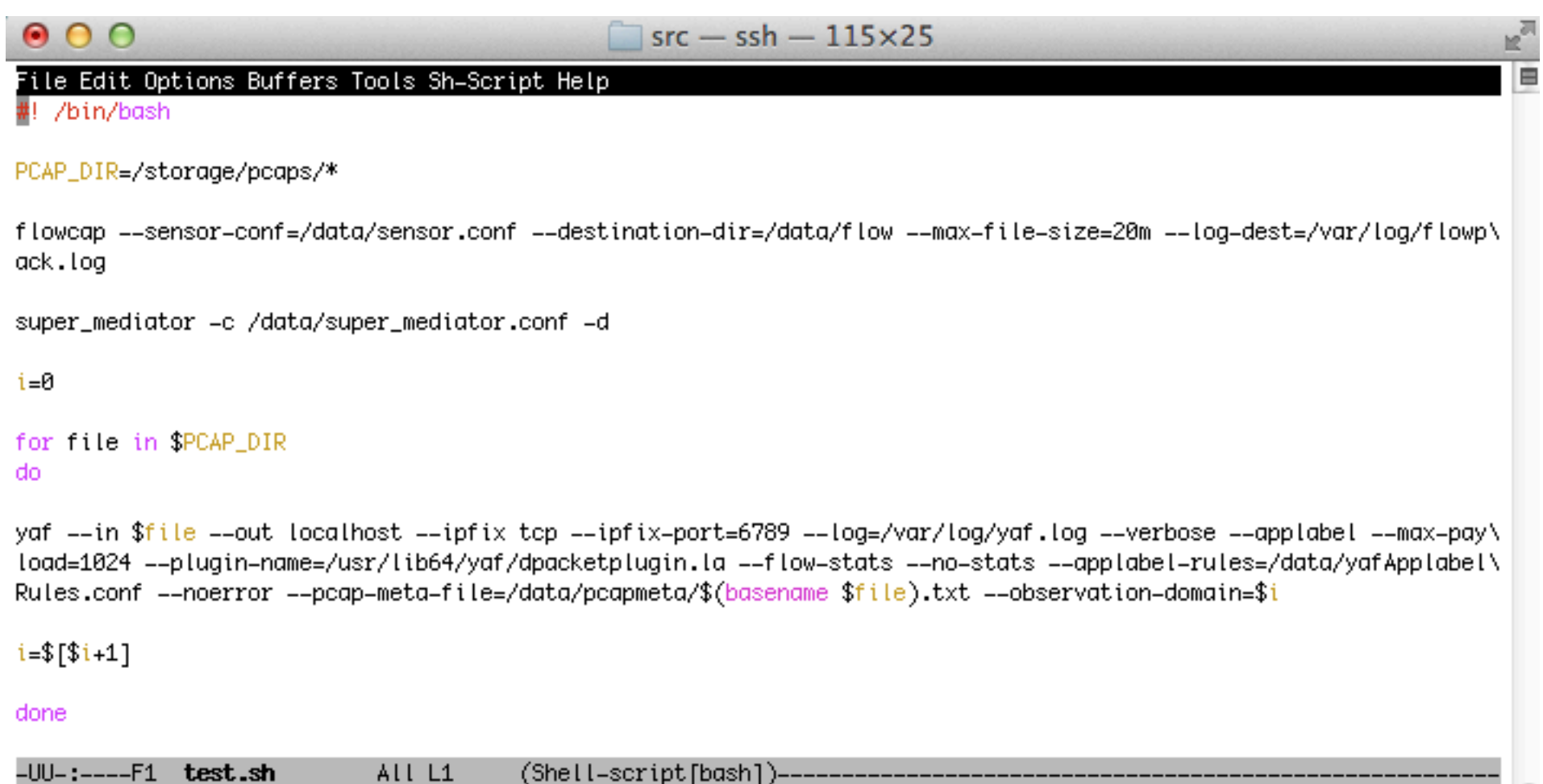| Signature *Usually* 5 BYTES	Compressed Length 4 BYTES	Uncompressed Length 4 BYTES	ZLIBHDR 0x789C 2 BYTES	Data

Method

29,000 (15G) PCAP samples

Use YAF to index and produce flow, DPI

YAF Signatures

Flow

Enhanced Flow (DPI)

PCAP

Tool setup


```
#! /bin/bash

PCAP_DIR=/storage/pcaps/*

flowcap --sensor-conf=/data/sensor.conf --destination-dir=/data/flow --max-file-size=20m --log-dest=/var/log/flowp\
ack.log

super_mediator -c /data/super_mediator.conf -d

i=0

for file in $PCAP_DIR
do

yaf --in $file --out localhost --ipfix tcp --ipfix-port=6789 --log=/var/log/yaf.log --verbose --applabel --max-pay\
load=1024 --plugin-name=/usr/lib64/yaf/dpacketplugin.la --flow-stats --no-stats --applabel-rules=/data/yafApplabel\
Rules.conf --noerror --pcap-meta-file=/data/pcapmeta/$(basename $file).txt --observation-domain=$i

i=$[$i+1]

done
```

-UU-:----F1   **test.sh**   All L1   (Shell-script[bash])--

Initial Results

```
(5)        $ rwstats --fields=29 --xargs=destroy-flow/silkfiles.txt --top --count 9
INPUT: 379068 Records for 10 Bins and 379068 Total Records
OUTPUT: Top 9 Bins by Records
appli|    Records|  %Records|    cumul_%|
    0|     260316| 68.672639| 68.672639|
   80|      43263| 11.412992| 80.085631|
  139|      38170| 10.069433| 90.155065|
  137|      20324|  5.361571| 95.516636|
   53|      16675|  4.398947| 99.915582|
  119|        240|  0.063313| 99.978896|
 3306|         68|  0.017939| 99.996834|
 1080|          6|  0.001583| 99.998417|
  194|          4|  0.001055| 99.999472|
```

YAF Signatures

Norman ASA 2012 Report identifies 85 Gh0st variants

```
9999 signature ^Gh0st
9998 signature ^LURK0
9997 signature ^7hero
9996 signature ^Adobe
9995 signature ^B1X6Z
9994 signature ^BEILa
9993 signature ^ByShe
9992 signature ^FKJP3
9991 signature ^FLYNN
9990 signature ^FWAPR
9989 signature ^FWKJG
9988 signature ^GWRAT
9987 signature ^GOLDt
9986 signature ^HEART
9985 signature ^HTTPS
9984 signature ^HXWAN
9983 signature ^Heart
9982 signature ^IM007
9981 signature ^ITore
9980 signature ^KOBBX
9979 signature ^KrisR
9978 signature ^LUCKK
9977 signature ^LYRAT
9976 signature ^Level
9975 signature ^Lover
9974 signature ^Lyyyy
9973 signature ^MFYB
9972 signature ^MoZhe
9971 signature ^MyRat
9970 signature ^OXXMM
9969 signature ^PCRat
9968 signature ^QWP0T
9967 signature ^Spidern
9966 signature ^Tyjhu
9965 signature ^URATU
9964 signature ^W0LFK0
9963 signature ^Wangz
9962 signature ^Winds
9961 signature ^World
9960 signature ^X6RAT
9959 signature ^XDAPR
9958 signature ^Xjjhj
9957 signature ^ag0ft
9956 signature ^attac
9955 signature ^cb1st
9954 signature ^https
9953 signature ^whmhl
9952 signature ^xhjyk
9951 signature ^00000
```

download01.**norman**.no/documents/Themanyfacesof**Gh0st**Rat.pdf

Results with YAF Signatures

```
(25) ____ $ rwstats --fields=29 --xargs=destroy-flow/silkfiles.txt --top --count=50
INPUT: 379068 Records for 31 Bins and 379068 Total Records
OUTPUT: Top 50 Bins by Records
appli|   Records|  %Records|   cumul_%|
    0|  138766| 36.607152| 36.607152|
 9969|   52080| 13.738960| 50.346112|
   80|   43263| 11.412992| 61.759104|
  139|   38170| 10.069433| 71.828537|
 9999|   32076|  8.461806| 80.290344|
 9989|   27998|  7.386010| 87.676354|
  137|   20324|  5.361571| 93.037925|
   53|   16675|  4.398947| 97.436871|
 9962|    2638|  0.695917| 98.132789|
 9991|    2140|  0.564543| 98.697331|
 9955|     950|  0.250615| 98.947946|
 9965|     860|  0.226872| 99.174818|
 9960|     724|  0.190995| 99.365813|
 9971|     384|  0.101301| 99.467114|
 9974|     378|  0.099718| 99.566832|
 9954|     348|  0.091804| 99.658636|
 9942|     344|  0.090749| 99.749385|
 9967|     182|  0.048012| 99.797398|
 9952|     172|  0.045374| 99.842772|
  119|     160|  0.042209| 99.884981|
 9916|     128|  0.033767| 99.918748|
 3306|      68|  0.017939| 99.936687|
 9938|      64|  0.016884| 99.953570|
 9944|      62|  0.016356| 99.969926|
 9945|      60|  0.015828| 99.985755|
 9950|      28|  0.007387| 99.993141|
 9927|      12|  0.003166| 99.996307|
 1080|       6|  0.001583| 99.997890|
  194|       4|  0.001055| 99.998945|
 9919|       2|  0.000528| 99.999472|
 9979|       2|  0.000528|100.000000|
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```
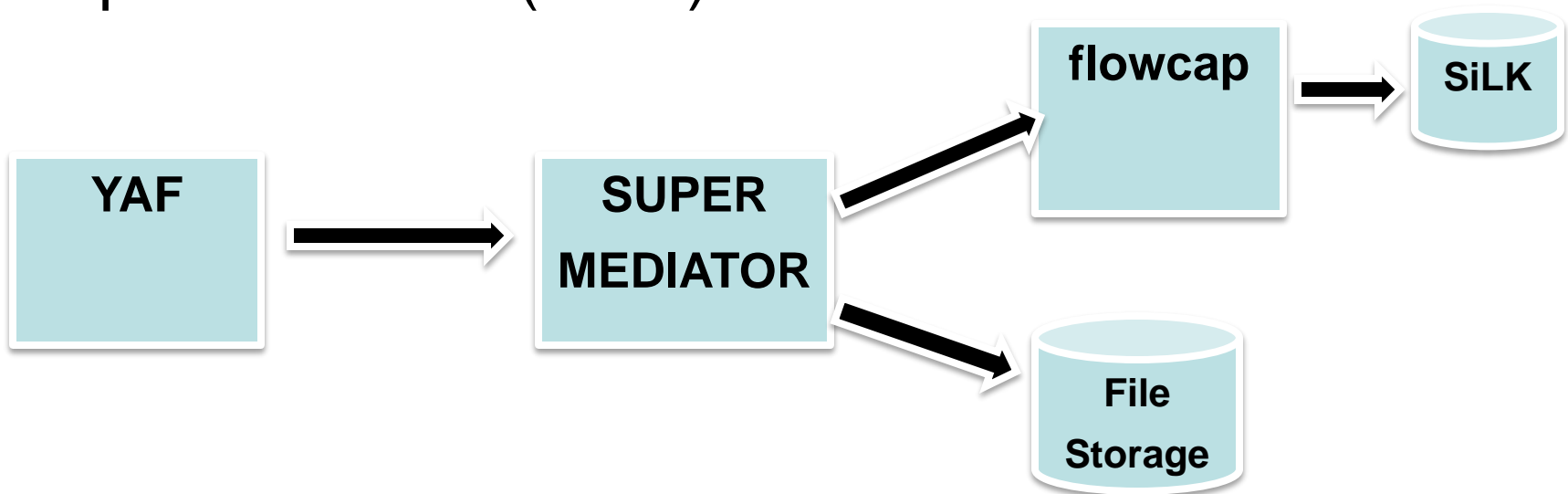
Super_mediator

A very configurable IPFIX mediator

Collects every IPFIX information element YAF can export

Multiple exporters

Multiple collectors (v.1.0)

Super_mediator configuration

Listing application label first allowed for quick binning by variant.

Super_mediator Results:

- 227,833 Total Bi-flows
- 60,816 Bi-flows Gh0st
- 86,053 Unidentified

Application	Bytes
Hash	Rbytes
Stimems	Databytes
Domain	Rdatabytes
Sip	Smallpkts
Dip	Rsmallpkts
Sport	Largepkts
Dport	Rlargepkts
Protocol	Nonemptypkts
vlanint	Rnonemptypkts
Iflags	Maxsize
Uflags	Rmaxsize
Riflags	Firsteight
Ruflags	
Pkts,	
Rpkts	

Finding a Pattern

Analysis Part 1

Remove unwanted flows from unidentified flows:

- Remove flows with source/destination port 138,139.

- Remove flows with initialTCPFlags = 'R'
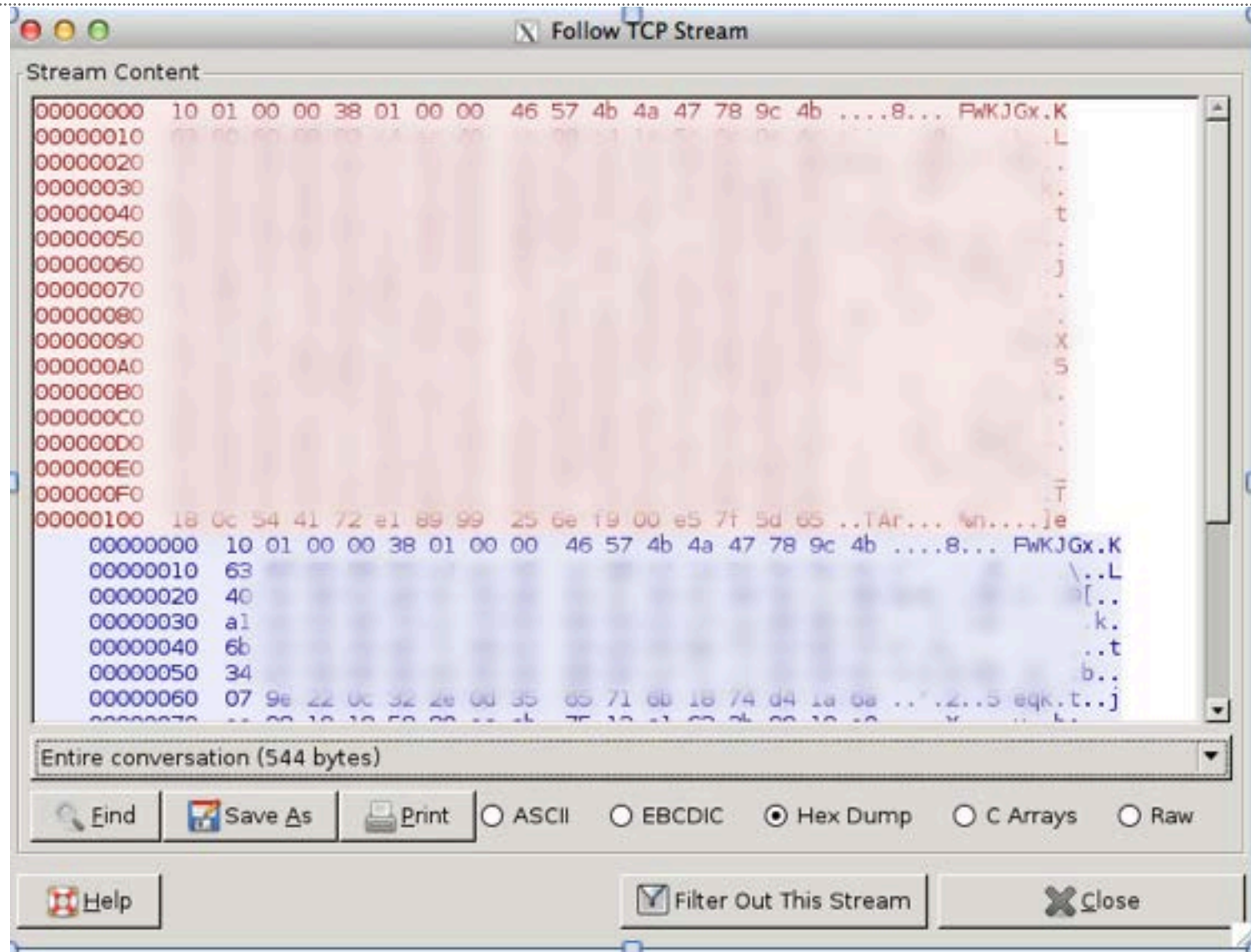
- Remove flows with dataByteCount = 0

Find flows with pattern:

- No more than 1 small packet (forward), 0 reverse

- Non-empty packets = 1 or 2 (forward), 1 reverse

- maxPacketSize = reverseMaxPacketSize

- firstEightPacketDirection = 0x02

Results:

- 44,468 bi-flows removed

- 37,500 bi-flows with pattern

- 4,085 bi-flows did not follow pattern

Finding Gh0st Variants and Signatures

Analysis Part 2

Run unidentified PCAP files through YAF again and export first 100 bytes of payload

```
2013-09-03 08:44:25.385|2013-09-03 08:44:25.624|   0.239|   0.000|  6|                              | 1042|      4|    604|00|00:00:00:00:00:00|
                      |  7678|       3|    564|00|00:00:00:00:00:00|    S|    AP|    AS|    AP|5d1f2bc8|a1e1cfa3|000|    0|000|000|eof |C1
  -> 0000: ae 01 00 00 b4 02 00 00 46 57 4b 4a 47 48 00 00  ........FWKJGH..
  -> 0010: 00 00 00 78 9c 7d 52 3d 4b 03 41 10 7d 77 e2 67  ...x.}R=K.A.}w.g
  -> 0020: 15 ae 10 44 c4 03 2d 44 44 62 b4 33 90 a4         ...D..-DDb.3..
  <- 0000: ae 01 00 00 b4 02 00 00 46 57 4b 4a 47 48 00 00  ........FWKJGH..
  <- 0010: 00 00 00 78 9c 7d 52 3d 4b 03 41 10 7d 77 e2 67  ...x.}R=K.A.}w.g
  <- 0020: 15 ae 10 44 c4 03 2d 44 44 62 b4 33 90 a4         ...D..-DDb.3..
2014-08-26 22:16:12.999|2014-08-26 22:16:26.045|  13.046|   0.000|  6|                              | 1037|      6|    511|00|00:00:00:00:00:00|
                      |  1478|       3|    383|00|00:00:00:00:00:00|    S|  APRS|    AS|    AP|99b9cc92|908fcc9b|000|    0|000|000||C1
  -> 0000: ff 00 00 00            5c 01 00 00 7a 9a 4e  ....    \...z.N
  -> 0010: 60 17 63 98 c4 c8 c2 c6 0b cc 85 47 ae c8 c4 c4  `.c........G....
  -> 0020: c6 0d a7 8b 57 8a cf 3a 90 51 12 03 1a 95        ....W..:.Q....
  <- 0000: ff 00 00 00            5c 01 00 00 7a 9a 4e  ....    ...z.N
  <- 0010: 60 17 63 98 c4 c8 c2 c6 0b cc 85 47 ae c8 c4 c4  `.c........G....
  <- 0020: c6 0d a7 8b 57 8a cf 3a 90 51 12 03 1a 95        ....W..:.Q....
```

Results

Identified several signature variants of Gh0st

Found 55 new Gh0st variants

Created YAF Application Label for Gh0st

- Correctly identifies 97% of Gh0st traffic.

Searching for Gh0st in DEFCON CTF PCAP

DEFCON CTF PCAP Data

Goal: Test new Gh0st application label

Defcon CTF PCAP Data

- 409 GB

- Separated by team and day

```
● ● ●                                           🗀 src — ssh — 1
(18)_____ $ /usr/bin/rwstats --fields=29 --xargs=silk/silk
INPUT: 82586983 Records for 27 Bins and 82586983 Total Recor
OUTPUT: Top 50 Bins by Records
 appli|    Records|   %Records|    cumul_%|
     0| 47893534|  57.991626|  57.991626|
    53| 19315635|  23.388232|  81.379857|
    80|  7272364|   8.805702|  90.185560|
   143|  4206068|   5.092895|  95.278454|
   443|  3340463|   4.044781|  99.323236|
   427|   504523|   0.610899|  99.934135|
    67|    20009|   0.024228|  99.958363|
    22|    10450|   0.012653|  99.971016|
    21|     7420|   0.008984|  99.980000|
   137|     5423|   0.006566|  99.986567|
  5004|     3783|   0.004581|  99.991148|
   194|     3122|   0.003780|  99.994928|
  6881|     1988|   0.002407|  99.997335|
   139|      642|   0.000777|  99.998112|
   119|      360|   0.000436|  99.998548|
   554|      290|   0.000351|  99.998899|
   161|      247|   0.000299|  99.999198|
   389|      153|   0.000185|  99.999384|
  5222|      125|   0.000151|  99.999535|
  5060|      114|   0.000138|  99.999673|
    69|      114|   0.000138|  99.999811|
   902|       40|   0.000048|  99.999860|
  9997|       38|   0.000046|  99.999906|
  5198|       38|   0.000046|  99.999952|
    25|       28|   0.000034|  99.999985|
   110|        8|   0.000010|  99.999995|
  5900|        4|   0.000005| 100.000000|
```
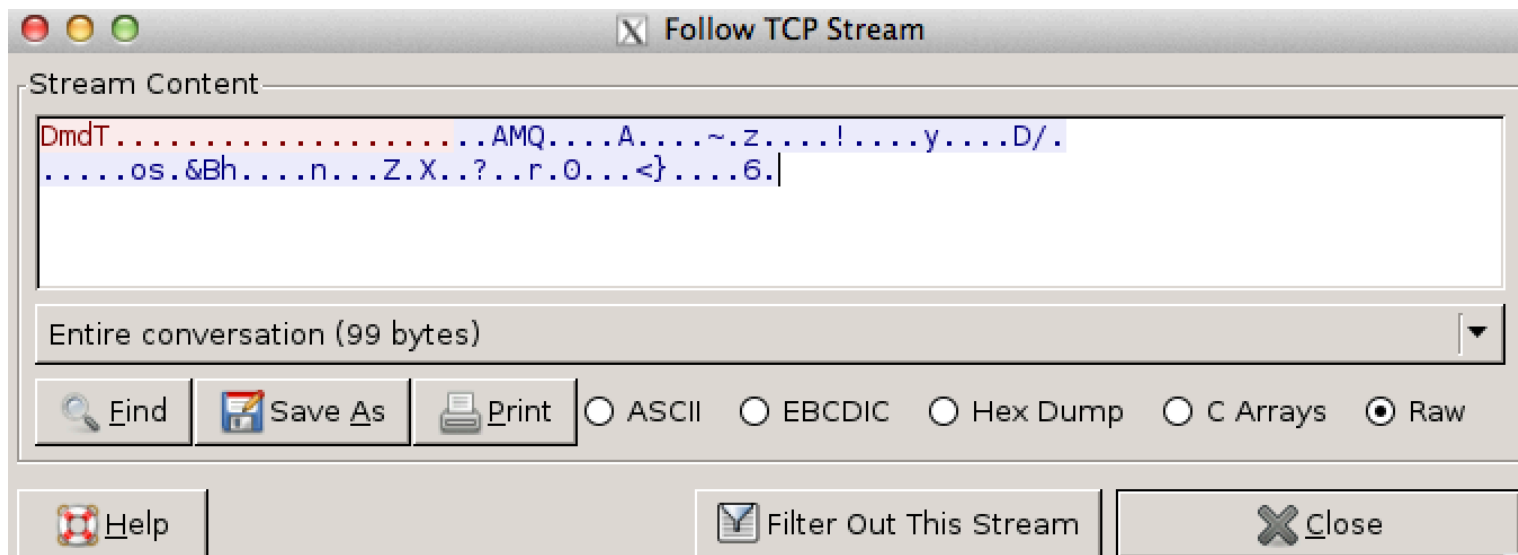
Investigating "Gh0st" in DEFCON

YafMeta2Pcap

Input:

- Large PCAP file or list of PCAP files
- PCAP meta file created by YAF
- Flow key hash and start time

Output

- PCAP file with desired flow

DEFCON Analysis

Used YAF signatures to determine other flows with "DmdT" and "eliza"

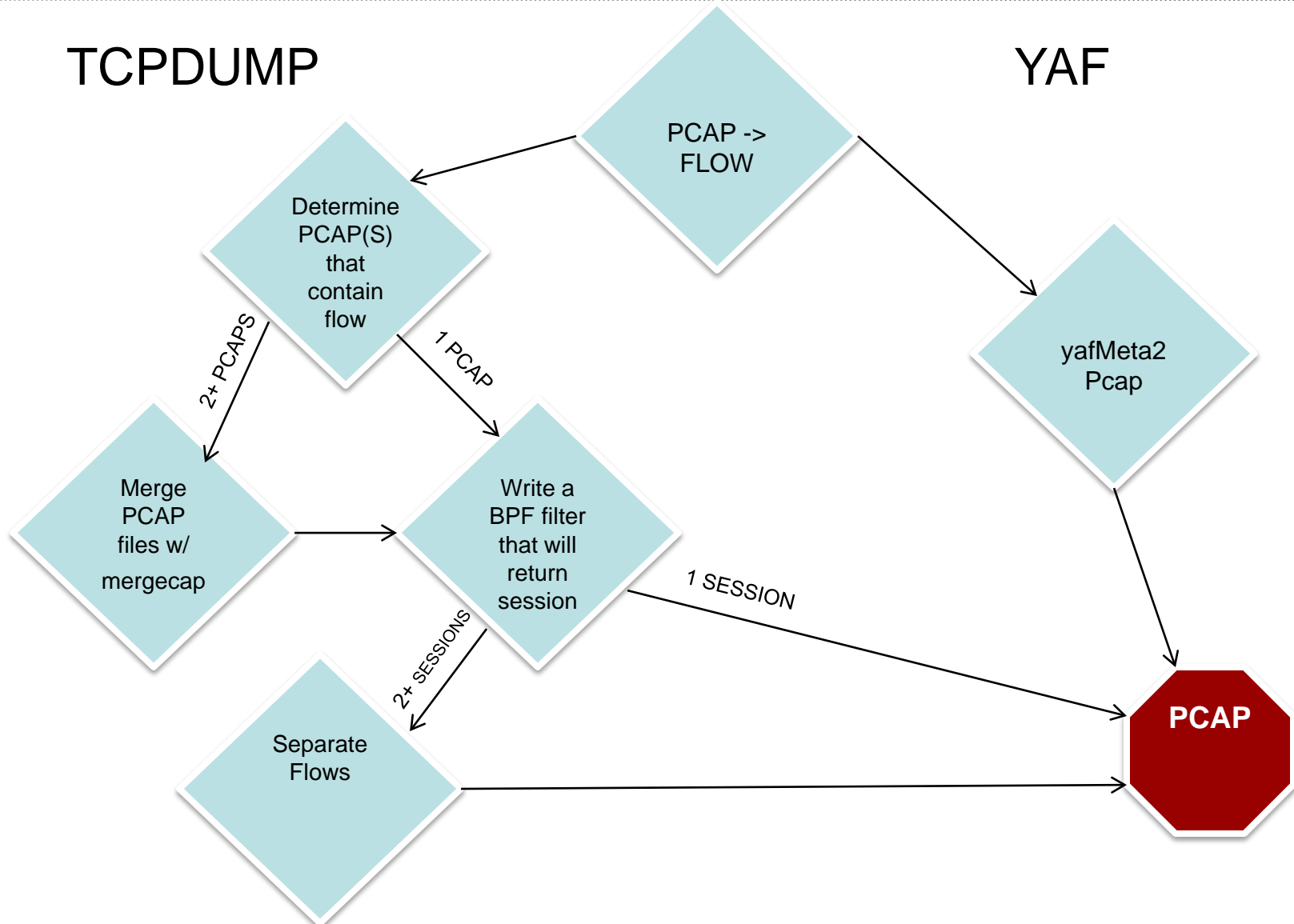"eliza" was a text-based space economy simulator challenge at CTF

80% of DmdT traffic went to last place team.

```
INPUT: 82586983 Records for 29 Bins and 82586983 Total Records
OUTPUT: Top 30 Bins by Records
appli|    Records|  %Records|   cumul_%|
   0| 40149632| 48.614964| 48.614964|
  53| 19313391| 23.388178| 72.003142|
6666|  7757938|  9.393657| 81.396800|
  80|  7255528|  8.785317| 90.182116|
 143|  4206068|  5.092895| 95.275011|
 443|  3340449|  4.044765| 99.319775|
 427|   504523|  0.610899| 99.930674|
  67|    20009|  0.024228| 99.954902|
  22|    10450|  0.012653| 99.967555|
  21|     7420|  0.008984| 99.976540|
 137|     5423|  0.006566| 99.983106|
5004|     3783|  0.004581| 99.987687|
 119|     3206|  0.003882| 99.991569|
 194|     3122|  0.003780| 99.995349|
6881|     1988|  0.002407| 99.997756|
 139|      628|  0.000760| 99.998517|
 554|      276|  0.000334| 99.998851|
 161|      247|  0.000299| 99.999150|
 389|      139|  0.000168| 99.999318|
5223|      125|  0.000151| 99.999470|
8888|      118|  0.000143| 99.999613|
5060|      100|  0.000121| 99.999734|
  69|      100|  0.000121| 99.999855|
 902|       40|  0.000048| 99.999903|
5190|       38|  0.000046| 99.999949|
  25|       28|  0.000034| 99.999983|
 110|        8|  0.000010| 99.999993|
5900|        4|  0.000005| 99.999998|
3306|        2|  0.000002|100.000000|
```

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Method Comparison

TCPDUMP

YAF

PCAP -> FLOW

Determine PCAP(S) that contain flow

2+ PCAPS

1 PCAP

yafMeta2 Pcap

Merge PCAP files w/ mergecap

Write a BPF filter that will return session

1 SESSION

2+ SESSIONS

Separate Flows

PCAP

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Presentation Abstract

Finding a needle in a PCAP

It can be difficult to find what we are looking for in a large PCAP repository, even when we know what to look for and where to look. When traffic captures start to enter multi-gigabyte sizes, the number of tools that can even begin processing these files is limited. SiLK and other flow analysis tools provide the tools for quickly narrowing down the search area but when ground truth is required, we are often back to square one when searching for a particular packet or flow in large traffic captures. This presentation will describe the available features in YAF for indexing large PCAP files with flow. We will provide relevant examples of common analysis techniques with various tools from the CERT NetSA Security Suite and how to perform complementary PCAP analysis with YAF. This presentation will also touch on deploying a tiered approach to network monitoring storage and ways to maximize storage without compromising network analysis.